

CLAIMS

1. A method for printing from a portable device, comprising the following steps:

(a) upon a selection to print, displaying available printing options, including the following substep:

5 (a.1) providing an option to print remote data accessible at a location outside of the portable device by reference to the location outside of the portable device; and,

(b) upon selection of one of the available printing options, performing a print operation in accordance with the selection.

10 2. A method as in claim 1 wherein the portable device is a personal digital assistant.

15 3. A method as in claim 1, wherein step (a) additionally comprises the following substep:

(a.2) providing an option to use a template to provide standardized formatting to data to be printed.

20 4. A method as in claim 1, wherein step (a) additionally comprises the following substeps:

(a.2) providing an option to use a template to provide standardized formatting to data to be printed; and,

(a.3) upon selection of the option to use a template to provide standardized formatting to data to be printed, displaying a list of available templates;

25 wherein, upon selection of one from the list of available templates, the selected template is used in step (b) in performance of the print operation.

5. A method as in claim 1, wherein step (a) additionally comprises the following substep:

30 (a.2) providing an option to print when the portable device is synchronized with a computing system.

6. A method as in claim 1, wherein step (a) additionally comprises the following substep:

(a.2) providing an option to print by using an internet service provider to send data to be printed to a printer.

7. A method as in claim 1, wherein step (a) additionally comprises the following substep:

(a.2) providing an option to print the remote data by using an internet service provider to send the reference to the location outside the portable device to a computing system connected to a printer.

8. A method for printing from a portable device, comprising the following steps:

(a) upon a selection to print, displaying available printing options, including the following substep:

(a.1) providing an option to use a template to provide standardized formatting to data to be printed; and,

(b) upon selection of one of the available printing options, performing a print operation in accordance with the selection.

9. A method as in claim 8 wherein the portable device is a personal digital assistant.

10. A method as in claim 8, wherein step (a) additionally comprises the following substep:

(a.2) upon selection of the option to use a template to provide standardized formatting to data to be printed, displaying a list of available templates;

wherein, upon selection of one from the list of available templates, the selected template is used in step (b) in performance of the print operation.

11. A method as in claim 8, wherein step (a) additionally comprises the following substep:

(a.2) providing an option to print when the portable device is synchronized with a computing system.

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12. A method for printing from a portable device, comprising the following steps:

(a) upon a selection to print, displaying available printing options, including the following substep:

(a.1) providing an option to print when the portable device is synchronized with a computing system; and,

(b) upon selection of one of the available printing options, performing a print operation in accordance with the selection.

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13. Storage media for storing software, the software, when executed on a portable device performing a method for printing, the method comprising the following steps:

(a) upon a selection to print, displaying available printing options, including the following substep:

(a.1) providing an option to print remote data accessible at a location outside of the portable device by reference to the location outside of the portable device; and,

(b) upon selection of one of the available printing options, performing a print operation in accordance with the selection.

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14. Storage media as in claim 13, wherein step (a) additionally comprises the following substep:

(a.2) providing an option to use a template to provide standardized formatting to data to be printed.

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15. Storage media as in claim 13, wherein step (a) additionally comprises the following substeps:

(a.2) providing an option to use a template to provide standardized formatting to data to be printed; and,

5 (a.3) upon selection of the option to use a template to provide standardized formatting to data to be printed, displaying a list of available templates;

wherein, upon selection of one from the list of available templates, the selected template is used in step (b) in performance of the print operation.

10 16. Storage media as in claim 13, wherein step (a) additionally comprises the following substep:

(a.2) providing an option to print when the portable device is synchronized with a computing system.

15 17. Storage media as in claim 13, wherein step (a) additionally comprises the following substep:

(a.2) providing an option to print by using an internet service provider to send data to be printed to a printer.

20 18. Storage media as in claim 13, wherein step (a) additionally comprises the following substep:

(a.2) providing an option to print by using an internet service provider to send to a computing system connected to a printer, the reference to the location outside the portable device.

25 19. Storage media for storing software, the software, when executed on a portable device performing a method for printing, the method comprising the following steps:

30 (a) upon a selection to print, displaying available printing options, including the following substep:

(a.1) providing an option to use a template to provide standardized formatting to data to be printed; and,

(b) upon selection of one of the available printing options, performing a print operation in accordance with the selection.

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20. Storage media as in claim 19, wherein step (a) additionally comprises the following substep:

(a.2) upon selection of the option to use a template to provide standardized formatting to data to be printed, displaying a list of available templates;

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wherein, upon selection of one from the list of available templates, the selected template is used in step (b) in performance of the print operation.

21. Storage media as in claim 19, wherein step (a) additionally comprises the following substep:

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(a.2) providing an option to print when the portable device is synchronized with a computing system.

22. Storage media for storing software, the software, when executed on a portable device performing a method for printing, the method comprising the following steps:

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(a) upon a selection to print, displaying available printing options, including the following substep:

(a.1) providing an option to print when the portable device is synchronized with a computing system; and,

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(b) upon selection of one of the available printing options, performing a print operation in accordance with the selection.

23. A portable device comprising:

a display; and,

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a printing control entity within the portable device, the printing control entity upon recognition of a print selection, displaying available printing options, providing on the

display an option to print remote data accessible at a location outside of the portable device by reference to the location outside of the portable device, and upon selection of one of the available printing options, performing a print operation in accordance with the selection.

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24. A portable device as in claim 23 additionally comprising a print button which is pressed by a user to make the print selection.

25. A portable device comprising:

a display; and,

a printing control entity within the portable device, the printing control entity upon recognition of a print selection, displaying available printing options, providing an option to use a template to provide standardized formatting to data to be printed, and upon selection of one of the available printing options, performing a print operation in accordance with the selection.

26. A portable device as in claim 25 wherein the printing control entity additionally, upon selection of the option to use a template to provide standardized formatting to data to be printed, displays a list of available templates, wherein, upon selection of one from the list of available templates, the selected template is used in performance of the print operation.

27. A portable device comprising:

a display; and,

a printing control entity within the portable device, the printing control entity upon recognition of a print selection, displaying available printing options, providing an option to print when the portable device is synchronized with a computing system, and upon selection of one of the available printing options, performing a print operation in accordance with the selection.